

In the Specification

Please amend the specification as follows, **with paragraph references being to the published application:**

Add the following new paragraph after paragraph [0038]:

[0038.1] Figure 2 depicts the effects of the instant procedures.

Please amend paragraph [0041] as follows:

~~FIG. 4 depicts a representation~~ Figures 4, 4A, 4B and 4C depict representations of the amino acids recovered of selected peptides from the individual protein spots and determination of sequence coverage. Detection by means of ESI-MS also indicates clearly the suitability of the detection method of the invention in comparison with the method according to Hochstrasser or Amersham Biosciences. The sequence coverage of the novel silver staining method was, like that of the colloidal Coomassie staining, 67%, in contrast to 35% in the case of the two other methods (Hochstrasser and Amersham Biosciences).